



# CITY OF HOUSTON

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**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL:**

Ms. Jo Strang  
Associate Administrator for Safety  
Federal Railroad Administration  
1120 Vermont Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**RE: West Loop Quiet Zone for Houston, Texas  
Notice of Establishment**

Dear Ms. Strang:

The City of Houston is proud to implement its first Quiet Zone. We hereby submit our Notice of Establishment to the Federal Rail Administration in accordance with the requirements of 49 C. F. R. §222.43. Our project will address the use of the train horns within the project limits for 24 hours per day, all days of the week.

With the establishment of the West Loop Quiet Zone, the City of Houston agrees to maintain the Alternative Safety Measures at the fourteen at-grade railroad crossings. We will perform periodic site investigations to maintain the integrity of the established Quiet Zone. We will install "No Train Horn" signage along the Quiet Zone corridor at the end of the 21-day required period.

The City of Houston wholeheartedly thanks the cities of West University Place and Bellaire for their collaborative effort and support in bringing this project to fruition.



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I, Bill White as the Mayor of the City of Houston, certify that the information submitted by the City of Houston is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sincerely,

Bill White  
Mayor

**Attachment: Quiet Zone Notice of Establishment Documentation**

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